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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD FORCES: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES,

-PARA 6 OF U.S. PROPOSAL

REFERENCE: A) STATE 26611

FOR AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE FROM KONTOS

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS AND SUPERCEDES IN PART GUIDANCE
CONTAINED REFERENCE A.

2. SSM BELIEVES EFFICACY OF 15 USG EMPLOYEES WITH LIAISON
RESPONSIBILITIES IN SFM WOULD BE ENHANCED IN PRACTICE IF
THEY HAVE DIPLOMATIC TITLE, APPEAR ON DIPLOMATIC LIST, AND
HAVE DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY CARDS IN BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL.
THEIR POV'S WOULD RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC TAGS IN EITHER ISRAEL
OR EGYPT. THOUGH SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD NOT TECHNICALLY
INCREASE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES BEYOND THOSE EXTENDED
TO ALL SFM PERSONNEL BY PARA 6 OF US PROPOSAL, IT WOULD

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PROVIDE BASIS FOR REQUEST THAT ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS

(5 IN CAIRO AND 3 FAMILIES IN ISRAEL) ALSO BE CARRIED
ON DIPLOMATIC LIST AND PROVIDED WITH DIPLOMATIC IDENTIFY
CARDS IN WHICHEVER OF THE TWO COUNTRIES THEY WILL RESIDE.
SUCH LISTING OF DEPENDENTS WOULD PROVIDE BETTER ASSURANCE
OF THEIR ACCESS TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES THAN SCENARIO
SKETCHED IN REFERENCE A. IN LIGHT OF UNIQUE CHARACTER OF
SFM, ABOVE PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY

HAVE TO BE LISTED UNDER EMBASSY ON DIPLOMATIC LIST BUT
COULD APPEAR AT END OF LIST WITH OTHER SPECIAL DELEGATIONS
SUCH AS UN.

3. IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING, ALL SFM PERSONNEL INCLUDING
THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE, SHOULD BE ISSUED CARDS, AND SFM
VEHICLES GIVEN TAGS, WITH SUFFICIENT CLARITY TO ASSURE
THAT RIGHTS UNDER PARA 6 ARE ACCORDED EVEN BY LOW LEVEL
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. IDEALLY, CARDS AND TAGS SHOULD
CLOSELY APPROXIMATE DIPLOMATIC IDENTITY CARDS AND CD
PLATES. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, PERSONNEL DESCRIBED
PARA 1 WOULD HAVE BOTH DIPLOMATIC AND SFM IDENTITY CARDS.

4. BECAUSE OF URGENCY, EMBASSIES SHOULD FORMALLY NOTIFY
GOE AND GOI OF ALL PERSONNEL NOW ASSIGNED TO SFM AND THE
FEW ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN PRE-
CEEDING PARAGRAPHS UNLESS EMBASSIES PERCEIVE OVERRIDING
OBJECTIONS OR CAN SUGGEST BETTER METHOD OF APPROACH.
PARTIAL ROSTER BEING CABLED SEPTEL. SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES
CAN BE TRANSMITTED WHEN CONTRACT PERSONNEL ROSTER IS
COMPLETED OR SFM UNDERGOES PERSONNEL CHANGES.

5. IF THE FOREGOING GIVES YOU PROBLEMS, I WOULD LIKE YOUR
URGENT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR BETTER APPROACH. IF
IT DOES NOT, PLEASE NOTIFY GOE AND GOI. SISCO

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